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"The Employer"

The Chief Compliance Officer is writing in response to the employer's letter dated April 19, 2005, requesting a deviation from Schedule A of Regulation 2004-130 First Aid under the *Occupational Health & Safety Act*, specifically the requirement to have a first aid room.

The employer's request for a deviation is based on the employer's proximity to a Hospital. The employer has provided the following information in support of the employer's request:

- ◆ The employer does not believe that it would be in the best interest of an injured party to be transported from one part of the employer's premises to another to be treated in a first aid room, then transported to the hospital either by ambulance or by one of the employer's staff.
- ◆ The employer would provide first aid and have an ambulance respond to the area where the injured person is located.
- ◆ The employer has comfortable areas in the employer's buildings as well as first aid trained employees and first aid kits in all buildings.
- ◆ As of May 2005, the employer will have a Medical Clinic on the employer's premises that could be deemed the First Aid Room.

The Chief Compliance Officer is unable to grant the employer's request for a deviation to Schedule A of Regulation 2004-130 First Aid. However, it may be possible to designate the Medical Clinic as the employer's first aid room. Please forward to the Chief Compliance Officer a list of the contents of the clinic, as well as confirmation that employees of the employer's premises would have access to that room in the event that first aid is required. Also, it might be beneficial if the employer were to establish a comparison of the facilities in the employer's Medical Clinic with the requirements of Schedule A with respect to first aid rooms.

By copy of this letter, the Chief Compliance Officer has advised WHSCC staff of the decision.

Regards,

Chief Compliance Officer